



ST. BEN'S BULLETIN

Monday 13th July 2020

Please see our PTFA Facebook Page

Contact school: sch.164@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Website: <https://stbenedictsjuniorschoolglastonbury.org/>

THE PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER

We are looking forward to all our pupils returning to school in September.

Here are answers to some of the questions parents and pupils have been asking...

When are we back? Year 3 only will start back on Monday 7th September. We wish to have a day with our new Year 3's as we have been unable to complete our normal transition with them this year.

All other year groups will return to St. Benedict's on Tuesday 8th September.

Will it be back to normal? Kind of! We will have year group bubbles, which we will keep to whenever possible. Within these bubbles, pupils will not need to distance from one another, but adults will. There will be some exceptions to the bubbles, e.g. pastoral provision and wraparound care, but we will inform you if your child may be out of their bubble. Bubbles will have staggered breaks and lunches.

Will my child be safe? We will be following government guidelines and will keep your children as safe as possible. If we have concerns, we will share them with you. If you have concerns, please let us know.

What are the attendance rules? The government has set out clear expectations that every child should attend school from September, even if they have been shielding up until now. Having had so much time away from school, we hope our pupils will be excited about returning and we are hoping for excellent attendance in the autumn term. If you or your child has any concerns about attendance, please contact us this week.

What time will school start and finish and where can I drop off and collect? There will still be staggered starts and different entrances, as follows:

Year 3 start at 8:45am, finish at 3pm – drop off and collection at the back gate (Proper Job entrance).

Year 4 start at 8:45am, finish at 3pm – drop off and collection at the front door (opposite church).

Year 5 start at 9am, finish at 3:15pm – drop off and collection at the back gate (Proper Job entrance).

Year 6 start at 9am, finish at 3:15pm – drop off and collection at the front door (opposite church).

Please be aware that drop off before these times will not be possible, unless by prior arrangement. If you have two or more pupils in different year groups and you are unable to make all these times, please drop off all pupils at the later time.

Parents may not enter the school building or school grounds. This is so that we can avoid groups of parents gathering on the school premises and also to maintain our bubbles.

Will there be school uniform? Yes, the usual school uniform. This is available from the office. Blue school jumper, white polo shirt, black or grey trousers and black shoes.

Will there be wraparound care? Yes, but it will need to be pre-booked. DASH will continue but will be limited to 20 spaces, and will cost £2 per child per day, £1 for Pupil Premium (to include breakfast); this will cover staffing costs. DASH sessions MUST be pre-booked – please contact the office. For the time being, after school care will be run by St. Benedict's, so will be at our school throughout the week, until 5:30pm. Again, this will need to be pre-booked. Other than this, there will be no after-school clubs this half term.

Will there be hot dinners? Not for at least the first three weeks (we will review it after this). We cannot mix bubbles in the Hall, so we will eat packed lunches outside if the weather permits, and in classrooms, if not. We will provide packed lunches for any pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

Check your e-mail for a letter going out today with more details...

Until we see you in September, stay safe and have a wonderful summer!

WHO WANTS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SILLY SQUAD?!

We all need a laugh at the moment, so why not put a huge smile on your face with this year's hilarious Library Summer Reading Challenge. It's free, simple to sign up for and FUN, FUN, FUN!

Just click on the link below. Prizes to be won, fun to be had.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

FOODBANK OFFER

No-one should be hungry! Due to generous donations, the Foodbank has plentiful resources just waiting to be given out to those in need. Please call Mr Ranger (01458) 831811 this week, or David MacGeoch (01458) 834281 for an easy, quick and discrete referral. Please use this local resource – it is here to help the community!

YEAR 5 ENJOY WELLBEING DAY

It was so wonderful to have Year 5 in last Friday and they had a brilliant day catching up with one another and their Year 5 teachers before meeting their Year 6 teachers. Spider Class will be going to Mr Kelland in Peacock Class and Tortoise Class will be with Mrs Brown next year in Leopard Class. Thanks again to Year 6 who made space for Year 5!

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT HELPING US TO HELP YOU

We are aware that circumstances have changed for many of you and we would love to offer any support we can. Many of you may be entitled to Free School Meals for your children – this means you could be receiving vouchers or school lunches right away. It is worth noting, however, that your child does not have to have a school dinner, it simply means they are eligible. This is all done in the strictest confidence and is never talked about in front of pupils.

There are MANY other benefits to registering your entitlement; it means that, for the next six years, your child will be eligible for the Pupil Premium – this is money that the school will spend on things such as:

- Subsidising school trips,
- Music lessons,
- School uniform,
- Support in school.

An example might be that they will save 50% on all trips, including our residential in Year 5 and Year 6; this alone would be a saving of over £200 in their time at St. Ben's! You could make savings of over £1,000 in their time at St. Benedict's!! This money also benefits the school and helps to fund e.g. pastoral support at school. Please contact the office on 01458 831811 to obtain an eligibility form.

SIGN UP NOW: HELP US TO HELP YOU!

During the summer and beyond, the Red Brick Building, Windmill Hill and Street Youth Clubs will be running joint Zoom virtual youth club sessions on a Friday 7-8:25pm. For 10-18 year olds. There are many activities i.e. quizzes, karaoke, drawing tutorials, games, performances and discussions.

Email Katherine Clarke youth@redbrickbuilding.co.uk for more information and an application form.

ACHIEVEMENTS and AWARDS: WELL DONE TO...

<u>Weekly Awards:</u>	<u>Star of the Week Awards:</u>
Cat Class:	HARRY for a very creative rainforest creature!
Unicorn Class:	ROSIE for consistently working hard during lock down and for her fabulous poem about a Unicorn.
Chameleon Class:	ELLIOT, for some very imaginative recipes and stories.
Owl Class:	REGGIE for also being an awesome author and for being an organised owl with his learning on Monday.
Tortoise Class:	All of TORTOISE CLASS for their excellent attitude to their wellbeing day today.
Spider Class:	All of SPIDER CLASS for their excellent attitude to their wellbeing day today.
Leopard Class:	MIA for her great work on her 'Monster' information text.
Peacock Class:	LEONORA - For considered, sensitive and insightful contributions to discussions surrounding RSE and self-worth.
Nightingale Class:	SHANNON for resilience with finding all the states in America. KAELAN for excellent engagement and his own brand of humour.

HOLIDAY PROVISION

Please see the attached flyer (below). TLE will be running three 3- day sports camps during the summer holidays, using our school as a base. Please see their flyer for details. This will be the only provision offered at St. Benedict's. To secure the offer price of £30 for three days, please contact them ASAP to book your place. If you require further details, please contact TLE using the contact details on the flyer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Friday 17 th July	Break up for summer holidays.
Summer Holidays	Various dates – Summer Holiday Sports Camps being run at school – three lots of three-day camps (see separate flyer/Class Dojo for info)
Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th September	INSET Days – Teacher training: school not open to pupils.
Monday 7 th September	School open to Year 3 only – see Page 1 (this will be their transition day)
Tuesday 8 th September	All year groups back in school - see Page 1 (more information later this week)

Please see the information below on ParentPay, as this will be our new cashless system from Sept 2020.

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as lunch money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit/debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

The school will not be accepting cash or cheque payments from the 18th September 2020.

You will receive a letter that will be sent home with your child on their transition day with your account activation username and password and details of how to get started with ParentPay on your child's transition day.

If you have not previously logged onto the school ParentPay system please do so as soon as possible. Every parent must have a verified email address as their username to log on. This is a security and communication requirement.

What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7.
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind.
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint.
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime.

What are the benefits to our school?

- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services.
- Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.
- Improves school security.
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.
- The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

How to get started with ParentPay?

Once you receive your activation letter:

- Visit www.parentpay.com
- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage NB: these are for one-time only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process.
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders.
- Once activation is complete you can go to straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment.

If you don't receive an activation letter with your child on their transition day or you have any questions please either call the school office on 01458 831811 or email sch.164@educ.somerset.gov.uk giving your child's name.

FEELING WORRIED? CONCERNED ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE?

As we always say at school, if you are worried about anything, or have concerns about someone else, **TELL SOMEONE!** There is a member of the safeguarding team at school every day, speak to Mr Ranger, Ms Kirby or Mrs Newbury (call 01458 831811). If you are worried about yourself or someone else, **TELL SOMEONE.** If you can't phone, let your teacher/child's teacher know on Class Dojo, or don't forget there are other people to talk to:

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

CHILDLINE: 0800 1111

(also see their brilliant website)

IS YOUR CHILD SAFE ON-LINE??

We have had a number of e-safety incidents reported since Lockdown, from cyber bullying to inappropriate posts on Snapchat. Please make sure you are aware of your child's social media/internet use.

How would you answer these questions?

1. Do you know what social network sites your child is signed up to?
2. Do you monitor what they do on these sites?
3. Is your child always in view when they are online?
4. Do they take their phone/tablet to bed with them?
5. Do you restrict your child's screen time? Does this include their phone?
6. Do you encourage positive sleep patterns?
7. Do you offer your child a friendly ear to confide in you if something is worrying them?

WE'RE STILL RECYCLING

We are still recycling at St. Benedict's. Please bring in your bagged up crisp packets (drop them in our foyer) and don't forget that our BIBIC recycling box (at the front of the school car park) is still open for business – bring in your old clothes and textiles as well as shoes (bagged in pairs please!).